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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM: R&D-04-43**

TO: All Reinsured Companies  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices

FROM: Tim B. Witt /s/ *Tim B. Witt*  
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SUBJECT: 2005 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook

The 2005 Appendix III, Data Acceptance System Handbook, has been updated with approved modifications to reflect recent program changes. The Appendix III, formerly Manual 13, is available electronically via the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/data/> under the Data Acceptance System Handbook directory.

A redlined version of the draft is also available on the web site, which identifies changes in the 2005 Appendix III from the 2004 Manual 13. The draft changes were provided to company representatives for comment via the readme pages of the DAS Status Reports. Modifications identified in the August 19, and August 25, September 22, September 30, and October 7 readme pages have been approved.

Modifications in the 2005 Appendix III resulting from policy and procedure changes include:

- Crambe program discontinued for RY2005 due to Board action;
- Cultivated Wild Rice (0055) plan code changed from 86 to 90 for RY2005;
- Implement the Fund cutoff and LSR cutoff for Nursery and Florida Fruit Trees as modified in the SRA;
- Changes to Entity/ID Table due to CIH changes, additional entity types allowed for SBI's for Trusts, Corporations, Partnerships and Joint Operators;
- Primary Date of Damage and, Secondary Date of Damage, added: "both date of damage fields cannot be later than the Notice of Loss Date";
- Added Silage Sorghum (0059) plan 96;
- Malting Barley Option A changes due to CIH changes;
- New Written Agreement types and Yield types due to CIH changes; and
- Pecan modifications due to changes in conversion to permanent program.



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Companies may direct their questions or comments regarding Appendix III content to Seavey Anthony, Chief, Program Automation Branch, at (816) 926-3865, or Tim Conard, Acting Chief of the Data Quality Section, at (816) 926-1875.

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

This Informational Memorandum is for the purpose of transmitting information and the expiration date is December 31, 2005.